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The attached documents were cited by the European Patent Office in the International Search Report for the PCT application corresponding to the present U.S. application. A copy of the International Search Report, with patent family annex, is attached. The Search Report was received by Applicant on October 20, 2003.

Please note that of the four (4) documents cited in the Search Report, one of the documents, US 3,881,889 to Hunkeler, was provided by Applicant to the PTO with the filing of the present application. Therefore, only the three (3) remaining documents are being submitted.

Although no English translation accompanies the cited French document, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is believed met by the submission of the International Search Report which is in English (1135 OG 14).

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